

BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN  
Public Scoping Meeting  
Clarksburg Middle School  
April 30, 2008

SUBJECT: Concerns of the Clarksburg Fire Protection District (CFPD)

FROM: Harold C. (Hal) Shipley – Member of Board of Directors (CFPD)

CONCERNS:

After reviewing the Draft of the Conservation Strategy – Options 1 through 4, I have some major concerns relative to the negative impact they would have on the ability of the Clarksburg Fire Protection District to perform its function. Any flooding of our farm land that would prevent access for our emergency vehicles would be detrimental to the health and welfare of our citizens.

We have 331 Farm Units in our district covering approximately 33,000 acres, 243 of which are small farms of less than 50 acres, many of which are only 20 acres. We owe these families a duty of emergency care for fire protection and for medical aid. Our Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians average 52 Medical Aid Calls a year and 26 Vehicle related calls for accidents and vehicle fires. These numbers may appear small but if just one of the emergencies involves your parent, your child or yourself, our ability to respond could be the most important moment of your life.

Our district has a great need for a new Firehouse. We have long outgrown our existing site and are in the process of locating property for a new station that will enable us to house our existing equipment in one location.

Obtaining funds to build our firehouse has been a major obstacle. We cover an area of approximately 53 square miles. Dun & Bradstreet's Zapdata Database shows Clarksburg with 70 businesses; 29 of which are or support agriculture. These businesses provide employment for 540 employees or 41% of our population and about 44% of our income.

To provide health and welfare services necessary for our district, we cannot allow our district to be flooded.